

## **MINUTES**

### **Chaffee County Transportation Advisory Board**

**Thursday, July 13, 2023**

**10:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

Via ZOOM Conference Call and In Person at Government Center Board of  
County Commissioners Meeting Room

<https://zoom.us/j/4328290633> ID #432 829 0633

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioner Keith Baker, Kate Garwood, Tom Brown, Bonnie Davis, Bill DeLay, Jenny Davis, Adriane Kuhn, Don Reimer, Christie Barton, Garry Baker

#### **I. Call to Order**

Garwood called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

#### **II. Approval of Agenda**

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Kuhn, to approve the agenda with the addition of a discussion of Unmanned Drones under New Business and a discussion of Bustang issues under Transit Updates. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **III. Approval of April 13, 2023 Minutes**

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Kuhn, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2023, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **IV. Commissioner's Report -- Commissioner Baker**

Commissioner Baker reported on the last STAC meeting. He also reported on upcoming projects in Chaffee County, including a future signal at Steele Drive, with a potential extension eastward to CR 317. Baker also noted that the FHWA would have FLAP (Federal Land Access Program) funds available in FY '24 and asked for consideration of projects that may be eligible for the funds.

#### **V. Old Business**

##### **A. RFP for Multimodal Transportation Plan**

The Board discussed the status of the Request for Proposal for the Chaffee County Multimodal Transportation Plan (CCMTP). It was noted that the BoCC had approved the RFP at its meeting in March.

County Administrator, Don Reimer, was asked about any actions taken regarding the RFP and searching for needed funding for the project.

TAB Members explained the importance of the project to the future of the County. In particular, it was noted that having the CCMTP completed would be key to obtaining federal and state funding for the County's current and future multimodal infrastructure.

Reimer stated he understood the importance of finding funding for the CCMTP and would be working on it through the budget process.

B. Transit - Chaffee Shuttle Updates

Garwood reported that the Chaffee Shuttle hired a new Executive Director. Mike Bischoff would be stepping into the role effective July 31, 2023. She stated that Bischoff had the project management skills, financial background, and local government relationships that the Chaffee Shuttle needed to meet the needs of future growth.

C. Bustang Issues

There was discussion about problems with Bustang connections. Specifically, it was noted that the Canyon City stop was to be discontinued. Apparently, Canyon City officials were concerned about people being brought into their community who would be a drain on community resources, bring in drugs and commit crimes.

There was discussion from people at the meeting who used the connection to Canyon City for different reasons: shopping, visiting friends, daytime and evening meals, and, in particular, for servicing hybrid vehicles at a dealership in Canyon City.

Additionally, resolution of Bustang issues with the Chaffee Shuttle had been stalled. Garwood stated that the issues would be brought to the attention of Bustang personnel at the weekly meeting with the Chaffee Shuttle.

## **VI. New Business**

A. Webinar: Investing in Active Transportation to Reduce Carbon: Innovative State and Regional Programs -- Bonnie Davis

Davis reported on a webinar regarding the topic. The State was working on greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals, noting that transportation was responsible for 40% of all such emissions. It was recommended that applications be made for GHG projects, sustainability projects, all with the goal of assisting to reduce GHG state-wide.

Discussion continued on the types of projects the County was already involved in that would help meet these goals.

B. Capital Improvement Programming

A Capital Improvement Program for multimodal projects was discussed. It was noted that having the CCMTP in hand would make the process much more simple.

C. Unmanned Drones

DeLay stated that he had been in touch with Dennis Heap regarding a presentation on current thinking related to Commercial drones. The topic raises issues such as: where should the flight corridors be located, airborne vehicles above residential areas, potential for rail line corridors to coincide with drone flight corridors, etc.

DeLay had made arrangements for Heap to attend our August TAB meeting with a presentation for our information.

#### **VII. Other Business**

Garwood stated that she had one and one-half years left in her term for the TAB. At the end of 2023 she was planning to step down as TAB Chair and asked the members to consider taking her place. That would provide one year during which she would be able to assist a new chair in the role.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Garwood adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.

**Next Meeting: August 10, 2023**